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USDA Conducting Hawaii Horticulture Survey

HONOLULU, HI, – July 8, 2021 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), in cooperation with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture, will conduct a Horticulture Survey (for crop year 2020 production) in Hawaii during the summer of 2021. Over 800 Hawaii producers will be asked to provide information on production area, sales of horticulture and nursery commodities, food crops grown under cover, and the number of agricultural workers on their operation.

“This report can then be used to encourage increased support of the industry by the Federal and State Administration, Legislature, Counties, Congressional delegation, and the Universities serving Hawaii,” said NASS Hawaii State Statistician Shawn Clark. “In 2019, the Census of Horticultural Specialties report showed that Hawaii operations sold a total of \$89.2 million in floriculture, nursery, and specialty crops. This survey will help determine the pandemics impact on the horticulture industry.”

“By participating in the survey, growers ensure that NASS can provide accurate data on horticulture production, thereby enabling the industry to be more responsive to domestic and international markets and consumer needs,” Clark explained. Survey participants can respond online at agcounts.usda.gov or by mail.

In accordance with federal law, survey responses are kept confidential. Survey results will be available in aggregate form only to ensure that no individual producer or operation can be identified. NASS will compile, analyze, and publish survey results in the *Hawaii Horticulture and Nursery Products* report to be published in late November. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Hawaii Field Office at (808) 522-8080.

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